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SaveDoNotCall.com

Attorney General Carter Launches Website in Effort to Halt Bankers Efforts

Indianapolis – Indiana Attorney General Steve Carter has launched a new website as one more way to educate the public about a banking group's attempt to have the federal government override Indiana's No-Call law. **SaveDoNotCall.com** provides the public with information about the Consumer Bankers Association (CBA) petition before the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and provides information for Hoosiers to contact the member banks in their area.

"If these banks are successful in weakening our law, people will start receiving hundreds of telemarketing calls in a year," Attorney General Steve Carter said. "Nearly three and a half million people have enjoyed the silence from sales calls that the law brings to them and if successful, this petition would ruin that peace and quiet."

Information located on the **SaveDoNotCall.com** website provides information about the petition, the member banks of the Consumer Bankers Association (CBA) and how to contact local branches of the banks. Carter is asking people to contact these banks and tell them to drop their petition with the FCC.

The CBA is a national trade association of banks with members across the country. This group is asking the FCC to permit more unwanted telemarketing calls to Do-Not-Call registrants in Indiana. In a petition filed before the federal agency, the CBA, including ten Indiana member banks, is asking that it be able to contact customers even though they may be registered on the state's no-call list limiting such sales calls. That means every company that a person does business with now...the phone company, bank, credit card company, mortgage company, will be able to call that person for an 18-month period. Additionally, every time a person writes another check or charges something new to a credit card, that eighteen month period starts all over again.

Carter is aggressively fighting the Association's request and has filed a petition with the FCC asking the agency to dismiss the CBA's request. Carter has also filed comments opposing the action. But the public can also weigh-in and help save Do-Not-Call.

SaveDoNotCall.com is a site that people can go to 24-hours a day, 7-days a week to find the information they need to ask these certain Indiana banks to drop their petition with the FCC so that they won't receive more telemarketing calls.

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The member banks that have local branches in Indiana have rejected Carter's request to drop their petition. They include:

- Bank One/ J.P. Morgan Chase and Co.
- Fifth Third Bank
- Huntington Bank
- Integra Bank
- KeyBank

- National City
- PNC Bank
- Stock Yards Bank & Trust
- Union Federal Bank of Indianapolis
- Wells Fargo and Co., Inc.

"Millions of people have enjoyed peace and quiet in their homes since the law took effect four years ago," Carter added. "We won't allow telemarketers back into their homes without a fight, and will continue to support privacy from unwanted sales calls."

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